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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON US OIL FIRM CONTACTS WITH HANOI

REF: HONG KONG 050

ESSO MARKETING DIRECTOR IN HONG KONG EDWIN KETCHUM
INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A
CONFIRMATION FROM EXXON VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR
FOR ASIA RESIDENT INSINGAPORE THAT NYT ARTICLE
ON ALLEGED CONTACT BETWEEN EXXON AND HANOI REPORTED
REFTEL WAS "FALSE". EXXON VP NOTED THAT FOREIGN
FIRMS SUCH AS SUNNINGDALE (CANADIAN) AND PERHAPS ONE
OR TWO AMERICAN FIRMS (NO NAMES GIVEN) WERE IN CONTACT
WITH DRV BUT THAT EXXON HAD NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER.
EXXON VP SPECULATED THAT REPORT WAS PROBABLY BASED ON
PROPOSED OIL FIRMS MEETING WITH DRV IN SINGAPORE
THAT FRENCH FIRM TRIED TO ORGANIZE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
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AND WHICH EXXON HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND AS OBSERVER.

MEETING NEVER TOOK PLACE, AND EXXON HAS HAD NO CONTACT
WITH HANOI. KETCHUM RULED OUT ANY POSSIBLE MEETING
BETWEEN EXXON AND HANOI WITHOUT EXXON ASIA DIRECTOR'S
KNOWLEDGE.

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